Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 2277						
Bill #:HB 782 GA						
Document ID #: 8585						
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to telecommunicators.						
Sponsor: Representative Scott Lewis						
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X County X County						
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government						
Office(s) Impacted: Public safety, law enforcement						
Requirement: <u>X</u> Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing						

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 782 GA **Section 1** would create a new section of KRS 15.530 to 15.590, to establish the Public Safety Telecommunicator Work Group to develop a new format for delivering the Public Safety Telecommunicator Academy to incorporate in-person and online training. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council would implement the new training delivery format on July 1,2026.

Section 2 of the bill would add new requirements for which telecommunicator applicants must be certified to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and require the certification be completed within 90 days of hiring; would require certification of telecommunicator applicants through the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) online training program before they may submit CJIS data to law enforcement and would require certain agencies complete the CJIS security and privacy training before the agency may submit such data. If a telecommunicator's only job is as a call-taker, the telecommunicator would not be required to complete the online program but would be required to complete the security and privacy training.

Section 3 of the bill would establish definitions for public safety telecommunicator or telecommunicator and would describe the duties of the position; would define public safety telecommunicator academy as a training course of 160 hours approved and delivered by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

Section 4 would amend KRS 15.560 to define public safety telecommunicator academy; all telecommunicators, full-time and part-time, would be required to complete 8 hours of in-service training recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and would reduce from 12 months to 6 months from date of hiring to complete the training. The length of training required would be the same for the non-CJIS telecommunicators academy and the telecommunications academy.

HB 782 would have a minimal positive fiscal impact on local government law

enforcement and public safety offices. Law enforcement personnel training, including telecommunicators, is funded by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. Development of online training would enable local law enforcement, first responder, and other telecommunicators to be trained online and in-house, reducing time away from their official duties. The bill would enable local governments to hire more part-time telecommunicators who could be more easily and conveniently trained online without having to take time off from other work.

Data Sourc	ce(s): <u>Greenup County</u>	Safety Director	r; LRC Staff		
Preparer:	Mary Stephens (BW)	Reviewer:	KHC	Date:	3/15/24